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## 2007 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Nominations Open in May

Nominations for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, the highest honor bestowed upon volunteers by the Fairfax County Park Authority, will open on May 21, 2007. The Park Authority is searching for volunteers who donate unselfishly of their time and talent in support of county parks. Every year thousands of volunteers help the Park Authority protect natural and cultural resources, provide recreational opportunities as well as permitting the public to enjoy over 400 local parks. The Elly Doyle Awards acknowledge that assistance.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established in 1988 in recognition of Ellamae Doyle's years of service to Fairfax County parks. She was instrumental in the preservation of parkland, the saving of natural areas and the provision of much needed recreational amenities in the community. The goal of the award is to publicly recognize a volunteer or group of volunteers for outstanding contributions to Fairfax County parks.

Anyone may submit a nomination. The award is open to those who have made outstanding contributions to Fairfax County parks within the past year. Accomplishments accumulated over time are accepted in support of nominations and should illustrate activities which promote the advancement of recreational and educational opportunities or the protection of natural and cultural resources in Fairfax County Parks.

Nominations will close on July 6, 2007. An awards ceremony and reception is planned for November 16, 2007. The awardees will be selected by a standing committee of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. No more than three Elly Doyle awardees will be honored in one year and up to five special recognitions and one student honoree may also be selected.

Applications can be requested from the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or you may download an application at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2007doylenom.htm.



